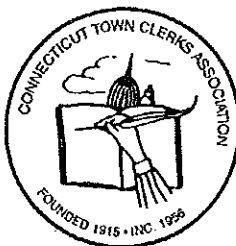


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Government Administration and Elections Committee

HB 5551, An Act Requiring a Review of the Computerized Voter-tally system by the Auditors of Public Accounts

Good afternoon Senator Musto, Representative Jutila, Senator McLachlan, Representative Hwang and the distinguished members of the GAE Committee.

The Connecticut Town Clerks Association would like to respectfully offer some comments regarding ***HB 5551 An Act Requiring a Review of the Computerized Voter-tally system by the Auditors of Public Accounts.***

The Computerized Voter-Tally system currently being developed by the Secretary of the State's office appears to be a very good way of expediting and providing uniformity in obtaining Election Day voting results from 169 towns. Compared to that of the Registrar of Voters, the Town Clerks portion of this system is limited to the preparation leading up to the election and provides measures for streamlining those preparations, which also results in greater accuracy. Many of our town clerks have attended presentations and some even participated in the Pilot on the prototype. Those that participated in the Pilot did not rely on this program for the official results, but rather as a way of seeing how the system performed and to document suggestions for changes and improvements. Results were checked multiple times for accuracy. It is for this reason we believe that an audit at this time may be premature.

Once the system is fully developed, and improvements are factored in, more towns will be participating and an audit might prove to be beneficial at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

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